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1. In the afternoon of 4 August 1953, six gray-green aircraft were observed in front of a hangar, probably a repair hangar, at Dresden-Klotzsche airfield. Eight aircraft of the same type were observed on the same spot on 18 August. The ladder assemblies of a Po-2 with a two-man crew took off from the field. At about 9:30 p.m. and at 10 p.m. on 21 August, one plane each took off while the boundary lights were switched on.
2. Glaziers worked on the roof of the southernmost of the three hangars of the former Luftkriegsschule (LKS). Next to this hangar was the building of the former flight control station which was frequented by personnel. Repair work was being done on the spur track.
3. On 18 August, [redacted] an antenna system, probably a Jambo-type set, between the hangars and the former Luftkriegsschule. The foot of the installation could not be observed because of an undulation of the ground.
4. On 9 August, two gliders repeatedly made take-offs and landings on the field.
5. During the morning of 20 August, two Po-2s made local flights. Between 7:30 p.m. and midnight on 25 August, local individual flights were made by Po-2s. On 28 August and 2 September, there was air activity and three Po-2s each were observed at the take-off point.
6. In August, [redacted] officers in the Luftkriegsschule who had golden epaulets and an insignia on the right breast. The insignia represented a wing, which was embroidered in gold, with a blue enamel bomb in the middle. [redacted] a red Soviet star was at the upper end of the bomb. Additional officers were observed who wore silver epaulets and an insignia embroidered in silver. The bomb on the insignia was replaced by a hammer and a vernier caliper. The Luftkriegsschule was occupied by an estimated 100 officers with silver epaulets and about 50 officers with golden epaulets. All EM had crossed propellers on the epaulets, except for the flight instructors and trainees who wore the driver insignia. There were an estimated 200 EM with black-bordered blue epaulets and aviation insignia, about 50 EM with black-bordered blue epaulets and drivers insignia, and 60 cadre personnel of the driving school with black-

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bordered blue epaulets. An additional unit of about 200 officers and EM with red-bordered blue epaulets and a dog-handler detail of about 50 EM with red-bordered black epaulets and about 15 dogs were also quartered in the Luftkriegsschule. The Hansa building apparently was still occupied by about 100 EM with black-bordered blue epaulets and 20 air force officers. The flight personnel exclusively consisted of Soviets, most of whom were officers. Seven or 8 of them were quartered in the apartment houses on Karl-Marx-Strasse and the others in the Hansa building.

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8. Between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., on 1 September, [redacted] all the windows of the five buildings of the Luftkriegsschule were lighted.

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10. On 20 and 21 August, Po-2s practiced flying at the field. On 22 August after nightfall, a Po-2 was observed over Dresden. On 23 August, eight planes were parked in front of a hangar in the northeastern section of the field.

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[redacted] Comment. No change occurred in the occupation of Dresden-Klotzsche airfield. A motor vehicle distributing point of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army with an assigned motor vehicle driving school and an unidentified air force unit are stationed there. The air force unit conducts practice flights with Po-2s at the airfield. The eight low-wing monoplanes which were observed at the field after 25 July 1953 are again present at the field after a short period of absence.

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